



General Assembly

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**Substitute Bill No. 6924**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT CAPS  
AND PER PUPIL GRANTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10-66bb of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2005*):

4 (c) The State Board of Education shall review, annually, all  
5 applications and grant charters, provided (1) for the period from July  
6 1, 1997, to June 30, 1999, no more than twenty-four charters for charter  
7 schools are granted, [and, on and after] (2) for the period from July 1,  
8 1999, to June 30, 2005, no state charter school enrolls [(1)] (A) (i) more  
9 than two hundred fifty students, or [(B)] (ii) in the case of a  
10 kindergarten to grade eight, inclusive, school, more than three  
11 hundred students, or [(2)] (B) twenty-five per cent of the enrollment of  
12 the school district in which the state charter school is to be located,  
13 whichever is less, and (3) for the period from July 1, 2005, to June 30,  
14 2006, no state charter school enrolls (A) more than three hundred  
15 twenty-five students, or (B) in the case of a kindergarten to grade eight,  
16 inclusive, school, more than three hundred ninety students, and (4) on  
17 and after July 1, 2007, no state charter school enrolls (A) more than  
18 four hundred students, or (B) in the case of a kindergarten to grade  
19 eight, inclusive, school, more than four hundred eighty students. The

20 State Board of Education shall give preference to applicants for charter  
21 schools that will serve students who reside in a priority school district  
22 pursuant to section 10-266p or in a district in which seventy-five per  
23 cent or more of the enrolled students are members of racial or ethnic  
24 minorities and to applicants for state charter schools that will be  
25 located at a work-site or that are institutions of higher education. In  
26 determining whether to grant a charter, the State Board of Education  
27 shall consider the effect of the proposed charter school on the  
28 reduction of racial, ethnic and economic isolation in the region in  
29 which it is to be located, [the regional distribution of charter schools in  
30 the state and the potential of over concentration of charter schools  
31 within a school district or in contiguous school districts] and shall give  
32 preference to charter school applicants that have a record or plan for  
33 raising academic achievement.

34 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 10-66ee of the general statutes is  
35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
36 *1, 2005*):

37 (c) (1) The state shall, annually, pay in accordance with this  
38 subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter school, for each  
39 student enrolled in such school, seven thousand [two hundred fifty  
40 dollars for each student enrolled in such school] six hundred twenty-  
41 five dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, eight thousand  
42 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, and each fiscal year  
43 thereafter. Such payments shall be made as follows: Twenty-five per  
44 cent of the amount not later than July fifteenth and September fifteenth  
45 based on estimated student enrollment on May first, and twenty-five  
46 per cent of the amount not later than January fifteenth and the  
47 remaining amount not later than April fifteenth, each based on student  
48 enrollment on October first. If, for [any] the fiscal year ending June 30,  
49 2006, the total amount appropriated for grants pursuant to this  
50 subdivision exceeds seven thousand [two hundred fifty] six hundred  
51 twenty-five dollars per student, or for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
52 2007, and each fiscal year thereafter, the total amount appropriated for  
53 grants pursuant to this subdivision exceeds eight thousand dollars per

54 student, the amount of such grants payable per student shall be  
 55 increased proportionately. [For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005,  
 56 such increase shall be limited to one hundred ten dollars per student.]  
 57 (2) In the case of a student identified as requiring special education, the  
 58 school district in which the student resides shall: (A) Hold the  
 59 planning and placement team meeting for such student and shall  
 60 invite representatives from the charter school to participate in such  
 61 meeting; and (B) pay the state charter school, on a quarterly basis, an  
 62 amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of  
 63 educating such student and the sum of the amount received by the  
 64 state charter school for such student pursuant to subdivision (1) of this  
 65 subsection and amounts received from other state, federal, local or  
 66 private sources calculated on a per pupil basis. Such school district  
 67 shall be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g. The  
 68 charter school a student requiring special education attends shall be  
 69 responsible for ensuring that such student receives the services  
 70 mandated by the student's individualized education program whether  
 71 such services are provided by the charter school or by the school  
 72 district in which the student resides.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2005	10-66bb(c)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2005	10-66ee(c)

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**Joint Favorable Subst. C/R**

**APP**